THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) The total outstanding dues in respect of workers of Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) were Rs. 1365 crores, as on 30.6.2004.

(b) A Group of Ministers (GoM) was set up to devise a strategy for liquidation of outstanding statutory dues of the workers of the CPSUs. The GoM has recommended that the Department of Public Enterprises will monitor compliance of the item schedule as drawn up by the GoM in consultation with the administrative Ministries/Departments concerned, to clear the outstanding dues of the workers in all the defaulting CPSUs.

(c) Does not arise.

Women's wage rates

*146. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that according to the UNDP Human Development Report women's wage rates are on an average 75 per cent of men's wage rates and constitute only one fourth of the family income;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to enact labour laws for these women workers; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The legal issues pertaining to equal wages to women workers are covered under the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, which provides for payment of equal remuneration to men and women workers for the same work or work of similar nature. Therefore, no separate legislation is required.

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*147. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Task Force of technical experts from IITs, CSIR, TCIL and others to ensure that WLL Limited mobile services do not suffer due to unnecessary representation by Cellular Operators Association of India; and